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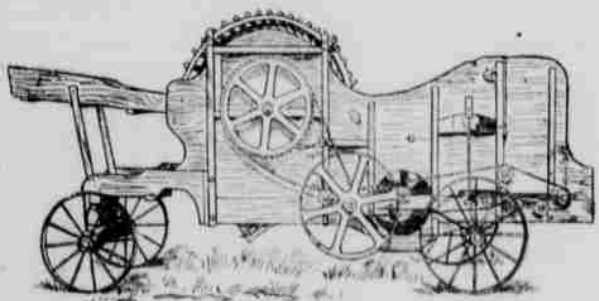
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MEN FEAR OLDER WIVES.

Nowadays We Don't Make Much of a To-do When a Man of Seventy Marries a Girl of Twenty.

W. M. Rice, the marrying justice of Denver, opposes convention when he says that marriages would be happier if the woman, as a general rule, was as old or even older than the man.

Since the beginning, it seems, it has been imbued in us that the woman should be younger than the man—even considerably younger. In Biblical times it was out of the way for an old man to take unto himself a young wife, even though he already possessed a spouse or so near his own age. Nowadays we don't make much of a to-do when a man of seventy marries a girl of twenty, though if a woman anywhere around fifty annexes a man of thirty we act as if she were robbing a cradle.

The accepted modern standard requires woman to be five or six years younger than the man. We say a woman matures sooner than a man.

However, if we were to sift down to the real reasons for the preference of women younger than men in the marriage relation, we should find that woman's precocious maturity has little to do with it.

In the first place, in those old days when graybeards took young women for wives they desired to perpetuate the family. Many and strong children were needed. The old wives no longer bore children. The younger the wives the better. It might safely be said that our rooted idea that the wife should be younger than her husband sprang from this source, though most of us have never thought of it and won't want to believe it.

Then a man prefers a younger woman, as a rule, because he wants to feel superior. Knowingly he will not select a woman of his own age or older, simply because he wants to be boss and he has a subtle fear that he can't lord it over a woman who is his equal in years. The average man is so tickled to get away from his mother's apron strings that he isn't going to connect up with any other woman's apron strings—not if he knows it! And so he goes forth to seek out some little, wide-eyed young thing, who will look up to him and—yes, obey him. Of course!

Another thing—the older a man gets the more he is attracted by youth. It means that when an old bachelor marries or a widower remarries, he wants a young wife, instead of a comfortable companion who will fit into his life and really make him happy.

So men go on fostering the belief that it's best that wives be younger than husbands. Believing this not only themselves, but making women believe it also. Thus, when a woman is more than twenty-one, she erases her birthdate from the family Bible and year by year drops a little more of her age, preserving her youthful appearance as she goes. When she's thirty and marries a man of the same age, he fondly believes he has wedded a girl of twenty-five.

More than one man is happily married today to a woman of his own age or even more. But if he had known it before he married her, he probably would have thought twice before proposing, and perhaps have decided not to propose at all.

Ages, of course, are not the most important matters in married life.

Some young wives have been happy with old husbands and occasionally an old wife is happy with a young husband, though these are exceptions. It is congeniality that makes for contentment, and where this exists, no matter what the difference in ages, there is little cause for ruction. But as a rule congeniality is most apt to exist between people of the same ages.

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OUR DUTY.

The great world's heart is aching, aching fiercely in the night, And God alone can heal it, and God alone give light; And the men to bear that message and to speak the living word Are you and I, my brothers, and the millions that have heard.

Can we close our eyes to duty? Can we fold our hands at ease, While the gates of night stand open to the pathways of the seas? Can we shut up our compassions? Can we leave our prayer unsaid Till the lands which sin has blasted have been quickened from the dead?

We grovel among trifles and our spirits fret and toss, While above us burns the vision of the Christ upon the Cross; And the blood of God is streaming from his broken hands and side, And the lips of God are saying, "Tell my brothers I have died."

O voice of God, we hear thee above the shocks of time; Thine echoes roll around us, and the message is sublime; No power of man shall thwart us, no stronghold shall dismay When God commands obedience and love has led the way.

OLD SATAN'S SOLILOQUY.

One night as the devil sat musing alone, In the midst of his cozy warm fire, Trying to figure the difference in guilt 'Tween a chief and an all-round liar, His memory turned to the scenes of his youth And his eyes filled with boiling hot tears; So he turned to his ledger and turned to a page, Dated about six thousand years.

"I suppose," he exclaimed, as he glanced through the book, "I am doing the best I can For my business denotes a continual increase, Ever since the creation of man. I've cribbed a good harvest for six thousand years, And should be content with the yield, And give my opponent permission to have The gleanings I leave in the field.

I gathered a very diversified crop Of merchants and lawyers galore; I've bound politicians in bundles until The ends of my fingers are sore. I've fiddlers, gamblers and insurance men; I've murderers, thieves and liars; I've filled up my furnace with green poplars 'Til they actually put out the fires.

I've railroad conductors and doctors to spare, Horse traders and preachers to spend, Republicans, Democrats, Tories and Whigs, But very few newspaper men. But there is one class, I'm happy to say, Can never gain entrance here; Their souls are so dirty I'm sure that they would Demoralize hell in a year.

I refer to that "thing," neither human nor beast— The carrion crew of the world— Who never is happy unless he can feast On the fame of an innocent girl, A million of years in my warmest of rooms His slanders would never atone; So I give him a match and advise him to start A select little hell of his own."

HE NEVER SMILES AGAIN. THE KIND HE HAD.

Taking with him his best "bed-side" manner, the new vicar set out to visit the patients in the local hospital.

In one of these wards he observed a pale young man lying on a bed, heavily swathed in bandages and looking very, very miserable. So the vicar stopped and administered a few words of comfort.

"Never mind, my man," he remarked in cheering tones, "you'll soon be yourself again. Keep on smiling, that's the way in this world!"

"I'll never smile again," replied the youth sadly.

"Rubbish!" exclaimed the vicar. "I here ain't no rubbish about it," retorted the other. "I'll never smile again, I say—not at another's girl, any 'ow!"—Philadelphia Record.

WASP'S FEET WERE "HOT."

My little sister, three years old, was stung on the hand by a wasp, which then flew away. My mother came in swift pursuit. Through her tears my little sister called: "O mother let him fly through the air and cool his feet, they are so hot."

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ON THE BORDER LINE.

Forestall Opposition By Judicious Concessions.

Of all times in family history when sympathy, discretion and tact are needed, the season that marks the leaving of childhood and the entrance of youth are most trying. Yesterday the little girl asked the mother which frock she would wear, what hat, what gloves; she did not so much as go down to the road to take a walk without expression. Today she knows that she seeks more independence of action. She begins to chafe at too much restraint; she desires to decide her small affairs for herself. She ranges herself with the older girls and young ladies and no longer with the little ones. The boy is even more marked in his show of individuality; he yearns for a longer tether and is apt to be often away from home, and to resent the surveillance which parents deem important or rebel against the rigidity of others. Every transition phase has its own awkwardness. Years are bound to ferment if it is worth anything. Have a little patience and a great deal of loving kindness—dear father and mother, and expect that when the border line is passed, your peace and that of the young people will be greater.

Forestall opposition by judicious concessions. Give the youth a margin for independence. Say that you trust your daughter and show her that you do. Make home a rallying place for your children's friends, and avoid gloom and depression, not only, but forbear scolding and nagging, and do not intermit your love and your prayers, especially the latter.

SLEEPING IN CHURCH.

Nobody Would Commend the Practice, But It Is As Old As The Church.

These sulky, drowsy Sabbaths, the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch thinks that even the most pious are apt to feel the disposition to close the tired eyes and lapse into that dreamy half-conscious state in which one realizes that the sermon is long but hears the lazy lapping of the surf on the distant shores or the mystic song of breezes that sweep the mountain side.

Nobody would commend the practice, but it is as old as the church, and Dr. Frank Crane in a recent article defends it as follows:

"A man in New York has been condemned by court for sleeping in church. The high handed proceeding threatens one of our dearest rights and privileges.

"Going to sleep in meeting is a custom that dates as far back as apostolic times, as we read in the Book of Acts that one Eutychus was overcome with sleep during one of St. Paul's discourses, and fell out of the window, to the scandal of the brethren and the death of himself; and that the good preacher, so far from chiding the offender, (which seeing that he was dead as a hammer, would have been a work of supererogation,) raised him to life by the kindly use of his spiritual powers, and afterward pleasantly broke bread with him.

"It would seem that the authoritative example of so great a minister should set a mark of clemency to be observed by all subsequent holders forth, and make clear the principle that drowsiness comes not from any heresy, contumacy, nor other of the devil's work, but from a pardonable weakness of the body, that fragile vessel in which even the loftiest zeal is so unsatisfactorily enclosed.

"Take it by and large, the case lies strongly against the pompous magistrate who fined the sleeper. He has wastefully departed from the best traditions and shown himself to be devoid of common humanity to boot."

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The Bible Bids Us Turn our Faces Toward the Future.

We have a great deal about historical Christianity and primitive Christianity, not enough about present-day Christianity and prophetic Christianity. The church has turned the faces of its members too much toward the past. The scripture bids us turn our faces toward the future.

This was distinctly the characteristic of the Old Testament. The prophets writers told their hearers that the Golden Age lay in the future, not in the past. They always bid them look forward, not backward. Christ did the same. His last words to His disciples were of His future coming; His last counsel to them was to watch for Him.

The same spirit which was in Jesus of Nazareth dwelling James and John received, comforting Mary and Martha in their affliction, as the weeping penitent of forgiveness, is in the world today calling to service, comforting in sorrow, anecoring from sin. It is important to know what Christ did; it is more important to know what He is doing now.

It is important to believe that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. It is more important to see Him this summer creating the grass the trees, the flowers, the birds. It is important to know that by His sacrifice Christ saved from sin; it is more important to know that by His spirit of sacrifice, inspired in all who truly follow Him, He is now saving from sin. It is important to read the Sermon on the Mount and in the closing chapter of John's gospel the words Christ spoke to His disciples in the first century. It is more important to hear the words He is speaking to us in this twentieth century, in every sorrow for sin committed or duty neglected; in every aspiration to a higher and purer life; in every summons to duty the more difficult to do, the more joyful in the doing; in every mystic consciousness of a transcendent presence communicating with us in an inexpressible fellowship. It is important to know whence He has led His church in the past. It is more important to form some idea of whether He is leading the church in the present, and to what goal in the future.

Watch for His coming. If we do not see Him, it is because we do not look for Him. I wonder how many of us would have seen Him if we had lived in Galilee when He was there? To how many of us would He have been anything more than the Son of the Carpenter? God never abandons Himself. He comes not where He is not wanted. He is not seen if we look not for Him.

But here in America in this twentieth century, as it was in Athens in the first century, He is not far from every one of us, for in Him we live, and move, and have our being.

We shall not see Him if we do not watch for Him. But we will see Him if we wait and watch for Him.

"And what I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch." For at midnight, or cock-crowing, or in the morning, He may come!

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